THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) This Ministry has not sought the opinion from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on the subject.

(b) There is only one major producer of Glybenclamide in this country.

(c) The present price of Daonil tablets is Rs. 14·99 for 10×10 tablets. The same was fixed at Rs. 8·88 (without ED) before decontrol.

(d) to (f) The Kelkar Committee which has recommended the list of drugs for inclusion under Cat. II had included Glybenclamide in this list, as this anti-diabetic drug was included in the essential list of drugs prepared by WHO. However, the Kelkar Committee in its supplementary report had recommended for deletion of this drug from price control as Glybenclamide has been subsequently deleted by the WHO from their list of essential drugs. Accordingly, this drug was deleted from price control.

Creation of Technology Bank

@2340. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have created or envisaged the creation of Technology Bank where all available technology in India may be made available to the user industries, thereby reducing the import of technology to a great extent ;

(b) if so, what are the details of such Technology Bank and the extent of reliance reduced in import of technology;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, whether Government would consider the desirability of setting up such a bank; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) There is no specific proposal for creation of a Technology Bank solely for keeping information on all available technologies in India. There is, however, a proposal to establish a Technology Information Centre in the Directorate-General of Technical Development, whose main function would be to collect, analyse and disseminate information on technical and commercial aspects of industrial technologies from abroad and with in the country for users in the Government, public and private sectors. The proposal is in its preliminary stage.

Acquiring of Foreign-owned Indian Companies through Manipulation of Share Holding.

2341. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry's attention has been drawn towards the unhealthy trends in the Corporate sector of acquiring foreign-owned Indian companies through manipulation of share holding through LIC and UTI

@Previously Unstarred Question 1679, transferred from the 1st August, 1989